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BONN AND PARIS FOR DEA AND NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL IN THE GDR: FIRST COMMENTS
FROM THE GERMANS

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1. DURING A RECENT CALL BY THE EMBASSY'S NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR

(WOLF) ON A DR. (FNU) HUGLER, THE ACTION OFFICER IN THE LAW AND TREAT-

IES SECTION OF THE MFA RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

MATTERS, HUGLER MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT: (THIS WAS

THE FIRST CALL POSSIBLE BY AN EMBOFF ON AN MFA OFFICER
SPECIFICALLY CHARGED WITH THIS FUNCTION. HUGLER WAS ACCOMPANIED
BY AN UNIDENTIFIED COLLEAGUE IN HIS SECTION AND SAID THAT JUSTICE
MINISTRY OFFICER HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO ATTEND BUT THE PRESS OF OTHER
BUSINESS HAD INTERVENED.)

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2. IN APRIL, 1959, THE GDR HAD RE-ASSUMED ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONVENTIONS:

A. INTERNATIONAL OPIUM AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 23, 1912.

B. INTERNATIONAL OPIUM AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 19, 1925.

C. AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION OF PRODUCTION AND FOR THE REGULATION OF THE DISSEMINATION OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES OF JULY 13, 1931.

3. ON OCTOBER 24, 1975, THE GDR HAD DEPOSITED WITH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL DOCUMENTS INDICATING THE FULL ENTRY INTO FORCE IN THE GDR OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION OF 1961, INCLUDING THE AMENDING PROTOCOL, AND THE CONVENTION OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES. (SEE RETEL.)

4. THE GDR HAD BEEN PROVIDING APPROPRIATE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THESE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS EVEN THOUGH IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR ITS GOVERNMENT TO ADHERE TO THESE TREATIES OR PARTICIPATE

IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL WORK BECAUSE OF ITS EXCLUSION FROM THE UN. THUS, THE COOPERATION HAD BEEN ONE-SIDED. NOW, HOWEVER, HOPEFULLY THE GDR WOULD RECEIVE AS WELL AS GIVE INFORMATION.

5. THE GDR WAS AWARE OF THE MOVEMENT OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS

DRUGS FROM SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT (IN THE GDR) BY TRANSIT PASSENGERS TO WEST BERLIN. HOWEVER, THE GDR AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, IE., THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, DID NOT BELIEVE THIS TRAFFIC HAD "VERY EXTENSIVE"

(SEHR UMFANGREICH). DR. HUGLER INDICATED THAT THE JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFICER ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE MEETING COULD DISCUSS THIS ASPECT MORE KNOWLEDGEABLY AND IN DETAIL AT A LATER DATE.

6. HUGLER SAID THAT DRUG ABUSE AND NARCOTICS ADDICTIONS WAS NOT A VERY

SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE GDR, "CERTAINLY NOT LIKE IN YOUR COUNTRY" HE INDICATED THE GDR BELIEVED THAT COUNTRIES UNDER A SOCIALIST SYSTEM

WERE MUCH LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO DRUG ABUSE. HE NEVERTHELESS DID NOT CONTRADICT EMBOFF'S STATEMENT THAT, EVEN IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE WERE LAWS AGAINST TRAFFICKING AND INSTITUTIONS TO TREAT DRUG ADDICTION, INDICATING A CONCERN FOR THE DANGERS FROM NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS.

7. HUGLER ASKED EMBOFF IF THERE WERE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES COOPERAT-

ING WITH THE US IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS. HE SEEMED MOST INTERESTED WHEN EMBOFF DESCRIBED RELATIONSHIPS WITH BULGARIA

AND YUGOSLAVIA AS WELL AS BEGINNINGS OF COOPERATION WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE QUICKLY AGREED WHEN EMBOFF NOTED THAT SUCH COOPERATION OBVIOUSLY HAD TO PROCEED AT A PACE DESIRED BY BOTH PARTIES BASED ON THEIR ASSESS-

MENT OF THE OVER-ALL STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

8. FINALLY, EMBOFF NOTED THAT THERE HAD RECENTLY BEEN CONCLUDED AN FRG-

GDR AGREEMENT ON HEALTH QUESTIONS, INCLUDING NARCOTICS CONTROL PROBLEMS

AND ASKED HOW HE ENVISAGED THAT AGREEMENT WOULD FUNCTION IN THIS AREA.

HUGLER REPLIED THAT THE FRG HAD ONLY VERY RECENTLY ACCEPTED THE AGREEMENT.

AND IT HAD NOT YET ENTERED INTO FORCE. THUS, WORKING PROCEDURES HAD NOT

BEEN DEVELOPED. HOWEVER, IT SEEMED REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE HEAVY TRANSIT TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE FRG AND WEST BERLIN WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT COVERED UNDER THIS RUBRIC.

9. COMMENT: THIS CONVERATION WAS SIMPLY THE FIRST STEP OF ESTABLISHING

A VERY MODEST NARCOTICS CONTROL COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GDR.

OBVIOUSLY, HUGLER HAS VIRTUALLY NO AUTHORITY EXCEPT TO ACT AS A CONDUIT FOR INFORMATION UNDER VERY LIMITED AND MANGED CONDITIONS. THE CONVERSATION REVEALED THAT THE GDR PRIZES ITS NEW INTERNTIONAL ROLE. IT ALSO SHOWED THAT THE GDR IS NO WHERE NEAR READY TO EVEN CONSIDER SUCH NARCOTICS CONTROL TECHNIQUES AS POLICE-TO-POLICE LIAISON.

10. CONSEQUENTLY, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DUE DELIBERATION ON WHAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE US DOES IN THIS AREA IS INDICATED AS WE CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TOTAL US-GDR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DEA CONTACTS WITH GDR POLICE AUTHORITIES WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE FOR

THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME GDR SENSITIVITY IN THIS AREA. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHEN THE TIME WILL BE RIPE FOR

THIS. WE DO BELIEVE THAT DETAILS OF CASES CONCERNING TRANSIT THROUGH THE GDR SHOULD BE SENT THE EMBASSY TO USE IN DEVELOPING A DATA

BASE AGAINST THE TIME WHEN THE USG MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER MOVING TOWARD DEA-VOPO LIAISON IN THE DRUG FIELD. FINALLY, THE EMBASSY IS, OF COURSE, ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS A CONDUIT FOR ANY ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE OF VALUE TO GDR POLICE AUTHORITIES IN

INTERDICTING NARCOTICS ENROUTE TO WESTERN EUROPE OR THE US. COOPER

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